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(XXXXXX) At page 175 in County Court Order Book # 4 I found a note written by the clerk of the court then William Skeen as follows .Of free and colored slaves.For 1830 they had within the county 114 slaves and 5 free colored,for 1840 they had 92 slaves and 6 free negroes and for 1850 they had 148 slaves and 8 free negroes.

In 1845 the following men sat as a jury to hear any complaints and to make any indictments that may deem advisable John M Jordin(foreman) Moses Poage,Timothy Alderman,Nicholas Simmons,Abel Atkinson,Ben Griffin, Anthony Lightner,Alexander Morrison,Allen Galford,Jacob Cassel,John Houch- en,Elijah Hudson,James Lockridge,Peter Buzzard,William Moore,John Sheets, William Nottingham,Joseph Friel,John Hannah,William McGloughlin,John Carp- enter,

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The levy of 1828 was 737.33 to be collected from 659 people for 1829  
levy was 341.00 from 681 people. At this time the clerk of the court  
received 35.00 the Sheriff 40.00 and the Jailor 25.00 and in 1828 the Sh-  
eriff was Robert Gay, Josiah Beard Clerk of the court, and James Brindley  
Jailor. About this time wolf scalps were raised to 8.00 and the men all-  
owed .50 cents a day for working on the public roads of the county. Valentine  
Cackley was deputy Sheriff under Gay.

The overseers of the poor were forced to bind out children of any fam-  
ily found to be in destitute circumstances. In the levy of 1828 James Ell-  
iot was allowed 5.00 for laying out the streets of Huntersville then the  
county seat.

It was the duty of the County Court to fix the rates of taverns also  
the rates for keeping stock seized by constables under executions. Benjamin  
Tallman was again commissioned as Sheriff of the county with Eoon Tallman  
and James Brindley as his deputies. At this time the court deemed it advisa-  
ble to lay the county off into districts so the constables could keep within  
their respective and allotted territory, the upper end of the county known  
as Upper Tract was # 1, # 2 to <sup>Deer</sup> ~~XXXXXX~~ Creek, # 3 all inhabitants from Knapps  
Creek, the men chosen for these jobs had to be honest and upright citizens.

From the time of the formation of Pocahontas County when it was still a part of Virginia, the County Courts biggest job was that of laying the annual levy each year in June. The levy of 1830 was \$ 405.10 to be collected from 717 tithables or taxpayers. The Levy of 1831 was \$ 918.46 from 687 tithables. That of 1832 was \$995. from 677 tithables in this levy was a special levy or amount of 350.00 for erecting a county jail which was built by William Gibson. The levy of 1833 was for \$623.27 to be collected from the taxpayers of Pocahontas. The one of 1834 was layed by the following gentlemen Joseph Moore, William Cackley, John Bradshaw, & John Gay and the total levy was for \$707.39 to be collected from 720 tithables, the one for 1835 was for \$ 1065.98 to be collected from 733 tithables this levy was layed by the following Benjamin Tallman, Thomas Hill, Abraham Hill, Joseph Moore and Isaac Moore. The levy for the year of 1836 was for \$ 630.58 from 755 tithables and was layed by William Cackley, Benjamin Tallman, Jacob Warwick, Joseph Moore and James Edmiston. The levy for 1837 was for \$ 651.09 to be collected from 755 tithables and was layed by Benjamin Tallman, Sampson Mathews, William Gibson, & Jacob Arbogast. The levy of 1838 was for \$ 620.00 from 770 tithables (The remaining levies to follow in next report.)

When the county was first formed the Sheriff served for only two years so in 1828 Robert Gay was chosen Sheriff until 1829. The court at th-